

b. placing said wet sheet on a support; and [then]

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c. ~~subjecting said wet sheet to high velocity water jet streams of about 50 [~] to 200 kgf/cm<sup>2</sup>~~  
for mechanically entangling said fibrous mixture. B

5. (Amended) A method according to Claim 4, wherein said thermoplastic synthetic fiber  
[preferably is] comprises melt blown fibers.

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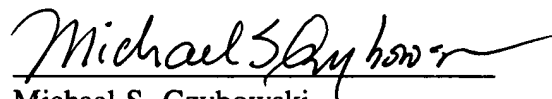
By the present Preliminary Amendment, the term "wipe-out" has been changed to "wipe-up" in specification since this later term is believed to more clearly refer to paper towels which are used to "wipe up" kitchen spills and messes. In addition, a minor grammatical change has been made on page 1, line 3.

Also, by the present Preliminary Amendment, the claims have been revised to more clearly describe applicants' invention in accordance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

Care has been taken so as to avoid the addition of new matter in the specification and claims.

Entry of the present Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the application  
is respectfully requested.

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